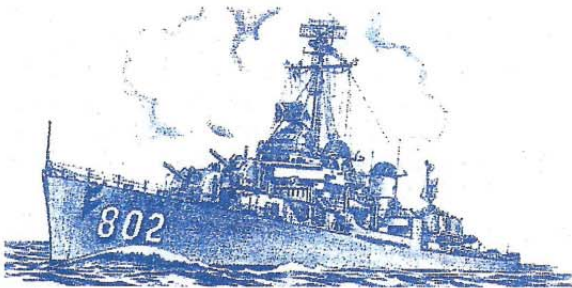


USS GREGORY, DD802, ASSOC. INC.

NEWSLETTER

January 2015



FROM THE BRIDGE **PRESIDENTS REPORT** **WALT NEUMANN**

The Holiday Season has come and gone and to all shipmates, family and friends of the USS Gregory Association I wish you all a belated Merry Christmas and Happy, Healthy New Year. It is the time of year to give thanks for all the blessings bestowed on us and our families. We should take a moment to give thanks to and pray for our troops in harm's way and for their safe return home. Also in our thoughts and prayers are those of us who are battling health issues and of shipmates who have passed on to be with the others who set sail before them. I would like us to also include Police Officers, Firefighters and other emergency personnel in our prayers.

Our next ship's reunion will be held in St. Louis, MO April 26-30, 2015. Make sure you pencil a note on your calendar and join us in the fun and

camaraderie that always are present at these events. Check the other articles in this newsletter for hotel details and prices. Ron Ludolph, our Association Vice-President, is setting up great sightseeing experiences in the St. Louis area.

If you have an idea on how to increase the USS Gregory Reunion participation, please contact me or any other Association Officer.

I am looking forward to seeing you at the April Reunion.

All the best and God Bless,

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VICE PRESIDENTS REPORT **RON LUDOLPH**

Hope this finds everyone healthy and ready for the New Year.

The Reunion is set for St. Louis April 26 to 30, 2015. We are staying at the Crown Plaza Downtown St. Louis. For reservations call (314) 621-8200, Ext. 4129. Ask for Michele Law, tell her you are with the USS Gregory Reunion. The room rate is \$95.00 per night plus tax. The rate is good for three days before and three days after. There is Go Best Airport Shuttle service for \$37.00 round trip. If you book on line at www.gobesttransportaion.com you can save 10%. Phone number is (314) 222-5300.

We've lined up some really nice tours and think you will approve. Don't forget to send

in the signup sheet. Looking forward to seeing all your happy faces.

Ron Ludolph
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TREASURERS REPORT **BILL LAING**

Here are the latest figures on our accounts:

USS Gregory accounts for 2014

Supplies, newsletters, etc.	\$1,275.46
Website costs	\$ 531.34
2015 Reunion costs	\$ 650.00
Total Disbursements	\$2,456.80

Beginning Cash 12/31/2013	\$6,350.49
2015 Reunion receipts	\$ 0.00
Net Fund Raising Since	\$1,364.27
Total Receipts	\$7,714.76

Cash on hand **\$5,257.96**

Bill Laing, Treasurer
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SECRETARYS REPORT **KEN BOYER**

A new year is upon us and we hope it will be a good one for everyone. The highlight of the new year for the USS Gregory DD-802 Association will be the Reunion in St. Louis Missouri April 26-30. This year the Reunion is in the central area of the United States so hopefully more of you will be able to attend. The Reunion sign-up sheet for tours and the banquet is included in this newsletter. Once again Ron Ludolph has line up a good Reunion for us. You do need to make your own reservations for the hotel. The hotel rates and phone numbers are listed in Ron Ludolph's report.

We have had several new members join the

Association this year and we extend a warm welcome to each of them. Our membership is now at 79. We are always looking to increase the membership so if you know of any shipmates who are not members, contact them and encourage them to join. If you are looking for a former shipmate, contact the Tin Can Sailors organization as they will help locate a person for a nominal fee. We are sad to report that four members of the Association passed away this year: Bill Bletso, Gale Rambo, Jim Husong and William (Ken) Pooser.

We tried to send the newsletter out by e-mail last year but it was not successful so we are sending them by US mail. Several servers would not accept the long attachment and several were returned to us due to a non-existent e-mail address. If you have a new e-mail address, home address or phone number please indicate that on your new membership form. The newsletter will also be on the USS GREGORY website.

See you in St. Louis in April. Remember the old song "Meet Me In St. Louis, Louie" – let's do that!

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SHIP'S STORE REPORT **ED RICHARDSON**

The Ship's Store has watch caps at \$13.00 and bill caps at \$13.00 plus shipping. I will bring all the stock to St. Louis in April.

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